

# Montana Sportsmen ALLIANCE

## Voice of Reason on Montana Fish and Wildlife Issues

To the Senate FWP Committee:

**RE: SB-260**-AN ACT REVISING THE RESTRICTION ON THE NUMBER OF HUNTING LICENSES AND PERMITS THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO NONRESIDENTS FOR LARGE PREDATORS

**POSITION:** Montana Sportsmen's Alliance hereby goes on record **ADAMANTLY** **OPPOSING** this bill based on the following reasons:

- Currently nonresidents are not limited to a specific percentage of tags in any unlimited permit districts for wolves and bears and are only limited on mountain lions in those districts that do have a permit system.
- In the event that Grizzlies are de-listed and a hunting season is established, this bill would allocate up to 35% of those tags to nonresidents. These tags would become one of the most coveted in the lower 48 states.
- This bill is about providing additional income for outfitters from nonresidents at the cost of lost opportunity of the resident hunter who live with these large predators year round.
- The current nonresident percentage of 10% in limited entry areas has proven to be a fair level that provides reasonable opportunity for the nonresident while protecting the resident sportsmen.

Once again we would like to state our **OPPOSITION** for SB 260.

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